



Docket No.: 50212-174

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Kaoru OKUNO, et al.

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For: OPTICAL FIBER MAKING METHOD AND OPTICAL FIBER MAKING APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2003, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.